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TO AMEMBASSY GEORGETOWN NIACT IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR DISASTER RELIEF ASSISTANCE FOR GUYANA

REFERENCE: GUYANA 1065; TELCON OFDA STAFF/USAID DIRECTOR  
BOORADY, APRIL 7, 1978

1. REFTEL DOES NOT REPEAT NOT REPRESENT AMBASSADORIAL  
DECLARATION THAT DISASTER CONDITIONS EXIST IN GUYANA.
2. EVEN IF REFTEL DID CONSTITUTE DECLARATION, INFORMATION  
CONTAINED THEREIN IS INSUFFICIENT TO SUPPORT EXISTENCE OF  
A DISASTER SITUATION. DURING REF TELCON OFDA STAFF EX-  
PLAINED TO USAID MISSION DIRECTOR BOORADY CIRCUMSTANCES  
WHICH WOULD SUPPORT A FINDING THAT A DISASTER EXISTS.
3. IN ADDITION DURING TELCON OFDA STAFF POINTED OUT  
LOGISTIC DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED IN OBTAINING GENERATORS DUE  
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TO EXTREME SCARCITY AND IN SHIPPING THEM, IF AVAILABLE,  
BECAUSE OF SIZE AND WEIGHT.

4. IN REGARD TO YOUR SPECIFIC QUESTIONS WE ARE INFORMED  
THAT: (A) POWER BARGES ARE NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME NOR  
ARE LIKELY TO BE AVAILABLE IN THE NEAR FUTURE; (B) WE  
HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO LOCATE SMALL GENERATORS SO FAR BUT WE

WILL CONTINUE OUR SEARCH. IF SUCH EQUIPMENT IS LOCATED  
AIR FORCE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES CAN BE USED ONLY IF A  
DISASTER IS DETERMINED TO EXIST AND DECLARED; (C)  
EXISTING REGULATIONS DO NOT PERMIT LOANING OF SURPLUS  
EQUIPMENT. HOWEVER, SHOULD A DISASTER BE DECLARED  
THIS EQUIPMENT COULD BE PROVIDED SUBJECT TO FUNDING  
AVAILABILITY.

5. GUYANESE EMBASSY HERE HAS BEEN INFORMED OF THE  
ESSENCE OF THE ABOVE.

6. DEPARTMENT FULLY APPRECIATES SERIOUSNESS OF SITUATION  
AND POTENTIAL FOR FURTHER DETERIORATION. UPON RECEIPT

OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUESTED DURING TELCON, OFDA  
AND OTHER INVOLVED OFFICES WILL PROMPTLY REASSESS  
SITUATION. VANCE

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## Message Attributes

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